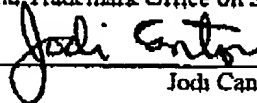


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: